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A poster for the Dallas Black Dance Theatre. The top half features a photograph of three dancers in black skirts and light-colored tops, performing a synchronized pose with arms raised. The text on the left side of the poster provides event details: 'DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATRE' in large red and black letters, followed by 'FRI. FEB. 19, 2016 | 7:00 PM', 'FRED NICKELS AUDITORIUM', and '600 EAGLE DR., DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL'. Below this, ticket prices are listed: '\$10 pre-sale', '\$15 at the door', and '\$5 Students and Seniors 60+'. At the bottom left, it says 'TICKETS AT artsdesoto.com' and '972-230-9648'. On the right side of the photo, there is a credit 'photo by Brian Guillaux' and a sponsorship line 'sponsored by the DeSoto Arts Commission & DeSoto ISD'.

The DeSoto Arts Commission is sponsoring a special performance of the Dallas Black Dance Theater on Friday, February 19, 2016 at 7 pm at the DeSoto High School - Fred Nickels Auditorium, located at 600 Eagle Drive. This performance is underwritten by the DeSoto Arts Commission and City of DeSoto and, as a result, we can offer special pricing. General Admission tickets are just \$10 each for presale or \$15 at the door. All students and seniors 60+ may attend the performance for just \$5 per person. Tickets are available for purchase online at artsdesoto.com or by calling 972-230-9648.

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Concerned DeSoto Citizens
presents

Gospel Fest 2016

February 21

featuring



Joshua & Kristina Bridgewater

Join us at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday,
February 21, 2016 at Faith Bible
Church, 1437 W Pleasant Run Rd.
in DeSoto!

Tickets are still only \$10 and pro-
ceeds fund college scholarships for
DeSoto High School students.

For tickets or more information
contact Leon McCowan at leonmccowan@msn.com or 972-230-
4243!

And including selections from the awarding-winning DeSoto High School Choirs, the
Faith Bible Choir and the choir from CDC's adopted School, Northside Elementary!

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Calling All HOA Members!

Join us for the eleventh annual HOA Involvement Workshop on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 9 am to 11:30 am at DeSoto City Hall. Information is a key element in effective neighborhood involvement and this workshop is designed to provide representatives of DeSoto's neighborhood and homeowners' associations with the information they need to make their neighborhood a better, safer place to live. Members of all registered DeSoto HOA's are encouraged to attend whether your association is new or well-established. To attend the workshop or for more information, please call Tracie Hlavinka at 972.230.9689 or contact her by email at thlavinka@desototexas.gov.

APRIL RECYCLING EVENT

April 25th 9 am – 12 pm

DeSoto Service Center, 809 W. Spinner Rd.

Event ends at noon or when trucks are full

Document Shredding - bring up to 10 boxes of personal documents for shredding. Documents must be in a box or plastic bag for disposal. No trash allowed. Proof of DeSoto residency required.

E-Recycling - bring any unwanted electronic items including personal computers, phones, chargers, printers and other small electronics for free recycling with proof of DeSoto residency. For more information please call 972.230.9643.

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ANNUAL CITY OF DESOTO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

March 19, 2016
The Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m.
Zeiger Park
400 Eagle Drive



For more information please call
972.230.9651

Partners: Hampton Road Baptist
Church and DeSoto Youth Advisory
Council

Age Group Egg Hunts

3 and Under

4-6

7-9

Don't forget to bring
your Easter basket!



HAMPTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH



2016

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"Connecting Neighbors!"

Do you feel connected to the DeSoto Community?

If you'd like to participate in an important community conversation, please take this as a personal invitation to attend our next free DeSoto Dining and Dialogue dinner event on April 2, 2016. Adults who live or work in DeSoto and care about our community are encouraged to attend. Resident high school students and their parents are also welcome to attend and will receive five hours of Community Service Credit. As a guest, all you have to do is attend and join in on the discussion. Repeat guests are also welcome. Please register your attendance at www.desotodd.org before March 21st.

These free dinner events will take place homes all over DeSoto. When you register to attend, you will receive a confirmation in the mail with the location and host of your dinner.

Dinner Discussion Topic:

DeSoto, an All-America City – Ten Years Later

The next DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner event will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm. The discussion topic will be "DeSoto, an All-America City - Ten Years Later." We will look back at what it took for the city to win the coveted award, discuss what has changed in the last ten years, and consider what is ahead for the future.

Attending a DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner event is a great way to get to know your neighbors. Please consider giving back to your community by hosting a dinner table in your home or participating in the free dinner event as a guest.

This event will be:

***Saturday, April 2, 2016
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm***

For more information and to register go to: www.desotodd.org

**or call Kathy Jones at
972-230-9648**

The deadline to register to attend the free dinner event is March 21st!

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is a volunteer-run organization that provides individuals of all ages, who live or work in DeSoto, the opportunity to get to know one another at private dinner events. These dinners are held twice a year in private homes or public facilities around DeSoto. The discussion is led by a trained facilitator who guides participants through questions designed to elicit thoughts and opinions on issues facing our community. DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is primarily successful because families are willing to host a dinner for a diverse group of citizens in their homes at their own expense. Facilitators and other volunteers willingly give of their time and expertise because they believe in the program. However, we need continuing community participation to keep the program strong. Join us in building a strong community. Please feel free to forward this invitation to anyone who lives and/or works in DeSoto!

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ANNUAL CITY OF DESOTO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT KIDS' FISHING DAY AT BRIARWOOD PARK

April 23, 2016

Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

All children 16 years and under are
eligible

Registration fee is



Briarwood Park
1625 W. Beltline Road

For more information please call
972.230.9651



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DeSoto Public Library Anime Club

Meeting Dates:

February 24 March 9 March 23

April 6 April 20 May 4

For

Ages

8 - 14

May 18

At

4:30p.m.

DO YOU...?

LOVE ANIME

ENJOY MANGA

Want To Have Fun

Then we want you to be a part of our Anime Club!



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Tech Titans

@ Desoto Public Library



For ages 7 - 12

February 17 & April 27 ✦ At 4:30p.m.

Learn about new technology and build custom creations.



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Programs

March 14 - The Critterman's Squirm
Factor Show. At 2:00p.m. for ALL ages.

March 15 - Toothbrush Robots. At
2:00p.m. for ages 7 - 12. (reservations required)

March 16 - The Science Experience for
Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers. At 11:00a.m.
for ages 2 - 6.

March 17 - Paper Roller Coasters. At
2:00p.m. for ages 8 - 13. (reservations required)

About Our Programs

- All programs are free and open to the public.
- Reservations are required for our Toothbrush Robots and Paper Roller Coaster programs.
- To make reservations call 972-230-9666 or visit the Children's Desk in the library.



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AARP Tax-Aide at the DeSoto Public Library

**When: Wednesday, February 3rd – Wednesday, April 13th
11 am – 3 pm**

Where: DeSoto Public Library

What: Tax help for seniors

Beginning Wednesday, February 3rd and ending Wednesday, April 13th, from 11 am – 3 pm, volunteers from the AARP Tax-Aide service will be in the library assisting seniors with their tax returns. The library is pleased to offer space for this important service, which is provided and administered by AARP.

AARP does not take appointments. Tax help is a first come, first served service. Please bring last year's tax return, your Social Security card, and any records needed for filing your 2015 tax return. AARP will not prepare complicated returns and requests that those who have complicated returns see a professional preparer for assistance.

The library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center Complex. Free parking is available in the nearby parking garage and in the small lot on the Northside (Creekside) of the library. For more information, please call the library at 972.230.9661 or visit the library's webpage at www.desototexas.gov/library.

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Connecting teens to community,
resources, services, and support.



*Don't
miss this one!*

Hosted by Lady Jade



April 02, 2016

“Best Southwest Everything Teen Expo 2016”

DeSoto Town Center

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Seminars/Workshops
Motivational Speakers
Teen Fashion Show
Financial Literacy
Performances/Entertainment
Giveaways
Food and More

Register for this free event at www.desototexas.gov/everythingteenexpo.

For more info contact Ms. Marq Runnels at 972.230.9663

or mrunnel@desototexas.gov.



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WHERE OPPORTUNITIES GROW NATURALLY



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City of Champions



DeSoto Public Library 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd., Suite C, DeSoto, Texas 75115 (972)230-9663.
www.desototexas.gov/library

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2016 Everything Teen Expo



Best Southwest Everything Teen Expo 2016 April 02, 2016 - DeSoto Town Center 11 am – 3 pm

Teens, are you looking for valuable resources, services and programs especially designed for you? Want to connect and build positive relationships with professionals in your community through fun and engaging interactions? Then don't miss the upcoming Best Southwest Everything Teen Expo 2016 planned and organized largely by your peers. Teens from the Cities of DeSoto, Cedar Hill, Lancaster and Duncanville are busy planning this awesome event where you'll find information on things that interest you. This one day event will be hosted by Lady Jade of K104 Hip Hop and R&B radio and will feature workshops, motivational speakers, entertainment, giveaways and more. Teens are encouraged to register for this free event at www.desototexas.gov/everythingteenexpo. We are also looking for vendors for the Everything Teen Expo. If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact Ms. Marq Runnels at 972.230.9663 or mrunnels@desototexas.gov.